

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

PUBLIC CONFERENCE ON

ENERGY MARKETS IN THE 21ST CENTURY: COMPETITION POLICY IN PERSPECTIVE

APRIL 10 -12, 2007

DAY ONE

- Welcome and Introduction
 - John H. Seesel, FTC Associate General Counsel for Energy
 - Deborah Platt Majoras, FTC Chairman
- Lessons from History: How Did the United States Deal with the Energy Crises of the 1970s? What Did We Learn?
 - Causes and consequences
 - Government and private sector responses
 - Key factors behind lower prices in the 1980s and 1990s
- How Do Energy Markets Work Within the Framework of Government Policy Choices?
 - Petroleum
 - Ethanol/biodiesel/etc.
 - Natural gas
 - Coal/electric
 - Nuclear
 - The effects of tax and other government incentives designed to affect business and consumer decision-making
- The Electric Power Industry: Debates About Restructuring
 - Industry restructuring since early 1990s
 - Debates about restructuring's effects

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DAY TWO

- The Transportation Sector: Past, Present, and Future
 - Primary role of petroleum since advent of the automobile
 - How is our reliance on petroleum for transportation likely to change? Are we reaching a tipping point?
 - Methods of alleviating highway congestion
- The New Frontier of Energy: Expected Technological Changes and the Implications for Consumers
 - What is the true source of the “energy problem”?
 - New petroleum supplies and more efficient petroleum use
 - New sources of energy
 - “Demand response” technologies in the electric power industry
- Savvy Consumers in the Energy Marketplace
 - Consumers and price signals
 - Demand statistics and trends
 - What is in the price of gasoline and electricity?
 - How does your behavior affect your pocketbook?
 - The Government’s role in protecting and informing consumers

DAY THREE

- The Current Implications of the World Energy Situation for United States Energy Supplies
 - Reliance on imported energy
 - International dimensions
- Are We More Vulnerable Today to Energy Supply and Demand Shocks?
 - Petroleum and liquefied natural gas
 - Electric power transmission and distribution
- Experts’ Recommendations for Policy Makers
- Concluding Remarks